Combat-Related PTSD Associated with Heart Disease and Chronic Conditions 50 Years After Vietnam War

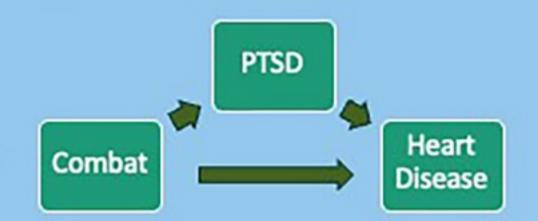
Combat exposure is a predictor of heart disease



Veterans with high combat

2x as likely to be
diagnosed with heart
disease compared to
Veterans with low combat

PTSD may mediate the relationship between combat exposure and heart disease





Aging combat Veterans with heart disease or higher PTSD scores have higher rates of chronic illnesses



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